ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Sir, I have an adjournment motion to make.

The member handed over to the President a notice of motion.

PRESIDENT: Mr. Thanu Pillai has put a paper into my hands in which he asks for leave to make a motion for the adjournment of the business of the Council to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance relating to the statement that I made to the House yesterday regarding the tolls. As regards these tolls there was an adjournment motion tabled once in this Session of the Council and it was discussed. I do not consider that the matter for which Mr. Thanu Pillai has applied for leave is an urgent matter of public importance. Therefore I cannot give him permission to move that.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know, Sir, for the sake of information, whether the statement made before the House is a statement announced in the Council by the President about the action proposed to be taken by the Government or whether a distinction could be drawn between the statements made in this House by the President and a statement of action taken by Government and merely announced by the President?

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): May I submit that I was not able to hear the President?

PRESIDENT: Well, at any rate, you heard that I ruled on it.

Mr. K. P. Nilakanta Pillai's question seems to me to make a distinction which I cannot understand. An announcement was made here on the day the discussion on the motion was carried on, that certain action will be taken; and yesterday I stated merely for the information of the House what action has been taken. That does not mean anything more than that.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): I asked for leave to discuss not the statement made by the President yesterday; I want merely to discuss the action taken by Government in regard to the tolls.

PRESIDENT: No decision has been actually taken; there was only a statement and nothing more.

MR. A. THANU PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): What I mean is the proposed decision?

PRESIDENT: Yes, I know. I have ruled on it.

The House will now proceed to the consideration of Demand VII.

DEMAND VII—GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I beg to move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 2,22,487 under Demand VII—General Administration, heads other than Account Office.

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